

Bar Hill News

August '02 No. 390



In the fiftieth year which shall be your jubilee.

- You shall not sow any crops, or harvest those you have sown, and eat only those from the land
- You shall return to where you originated
- If you have to sell your inheritance, then your next-of-kin shall come and redeem what has been sold
- If someone you know is reduced to poverty, you shall ask him to live with you, and if you assist him, you shall not charge interest on a loan
- If your brother sells himself to you as a slave, his status will be the same as a hired man or stranger, and at the end of the year of jubilee he will go back with his children to his ancestral property

The Residents' Association cannot persuade you to do any these, but, in this Jubilee year, it can

Waive the Annual Subscription to the Association

- > **And every house will receive the Bar Hill News each month (except January)**
- > **The Annual Village Fete will still be held**
- > **The Fireworks Display will take place**

And subscriptions will be collected in 2003 between Easter and the end of July

Bar Hill Residents' Association

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The objectives of the Association are to act as an intermediary between the Residents and other parties, to keep Residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the Village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association.

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BHN Contributions

What ? (see insert)	Cost ? (per month)	Who, where, how ? (see above)	When ? (in month)
Commercial '¼ page' Ads.	£10	Adverts Co-ordinator	1st of previous
Commercial 'Maxi' Ads.	£5	Editor	15th
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Articles, 'What's On', 'For Sale', 'Lost & Found'	free	Editor	15th

The '¼ page' adverts are for local businesses and we guarantee that they are always printed. This often results in a 'waiting list'. To overcome this we provide 'mini' and 'maxi' adverts that we use as 'fillers' for the text pages and do not guarantee their inclusion due to restrictions on the number of pages we can produce. Any item can be submitted electronically via Microsoft Office files on disc or over the net via bhneditor@yahoo.com.

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All telephone numbers without an area code are Crafts Hill (01954)

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Chiropody	Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	9.00 - 12.00	Thursday	2 - 5 pm
Dietitian	1st Tuesday	9.30 - 12.30		
Orthoptist	2nd Tuesday and 4th Friday	9.00 - 12.30		
Psychiatric Nurse			1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesday	2 pm onwards
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Useful telephone numbers

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BHN (Commercial adverts - Bunty Waters)	201421
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Health Centre	780442
Liberal Democrat Party (Tom Flanagan)	780571
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Missing Cats

Misty

Please could you check in your garages and sheds to check if our missing cat is there!

Her name is Misty. She is a long haired black cat with a fluffy tail.

She lives at 44 Foxhollow.

We are desperately worried about her and would be so grateful to see her again or to find out what has happened to her. Please contact me, Rachel Cormie, on 203154 if you have any information.

Tigger

Last seen 21st July near the Village Hall. Short haired, fluffy tail and very affectionate. We really miss him! Call Jo or Tony 781475 or 789118

Chernobyl students enjoy holiday-break in Bar Hill

Youngsters living in the shadow of the Chernobyl disaster have enjoyed a holiday-break in Bar Hill.

A group of 11-14 year-olds from Belarus spent 10 days in Bar Hill during June before continuing for a further 10 days in Earls Colne in Essex. Staying with host-families in Bar Hill, the youngsters enjoyed a fun-packed holiday including a day at Hunstanton, a trip to Pleasurewood Hills theme park and a visit to Ely Cathedral.

The holiday was arranged and financed by churches in East Anglia. Bar Hill Church played a major role in the organisation of the holiday in the area and Joy Childs, the local co-ordinator, expressed the view that the holiday was an ideal way for the youngsters to form friendships with people in this country.

Stephen Bull

If any dead animals etc. or anything interesting found, please contact Nick Richardson, mobile 07786950684

On the evening of Sunday 7th July there was a fire, in the hedge, behind The Brambles. Had it not been for the prompt action of one of the residents nearby, this fire could easily have got out of hand. At the time of writing it is not known how this fire was started but it seems unlikely that it was spontaneous combustion. There was a lot of rubbish underneath the hedge, probably put there by children building dens. Please encourage children to be very careful: had it been a little later in the year when everything has dried out, this could have been a very serious incident.

If you do see a fire, please call the Fire Service immediately. You should find there is no call out charge for dialling 999 in an act of public spiritedness. However if you dial 999 because, for example, a bonfire or barbecue has got out of hand you may well have to pay for this service.

Now that we are into the holiday season make sure that you leave your home secure if you are going to be away! If you have milk/newspapers delivered do not forget to cancel them. Let your neighbours know that you are going away and when you expect to return. Ask them to keep an eye on your property.

PC Kevin Misik, our Community Beat Officer, has held a couple of surgeries at the Parish Council office over the last two months. Unfortunately few people would have seen the announcement of the first as The Bar Hill News, in which it was advertised, was not delivered until later in the month some time after the date of the surgery. The second surgery was more widely advertised but the response disappointing. If you would like to have a chat with P.C. Misik please look out for future dates when he will be available.

Jill Smith - Village Co-ordinator
205453

Bar Hill Football Project

As you have probably noticed construction has begun on the floodlit synthetic grass football training pitch behind the school. The duration of construction should be eight weeks, finishing in early September.

The pitch has been funded by The Football Foundation, Bar Hill Parish Council, South Cambs, Bar Hill Sports and Social Club and Bar Hill Colts.

The facility will be owned by the Parish Council but run by a committee with representatives from various village groups.

The vision for the project is to ensure anyone wishing to play football including the School, Colts, Youth, Mums and Dads can do so on good quality facilities. The plan includes free after school sessions and family sessions at the weekend plus an Adult 5-a-side League. The League is planned to include eight teams playing midweek evenings between 9-10pm, commencing mid September.

The project is also keen to encourage new viable sports clubs in the village including hockey for both juniors and adults. Please get in touch if you are interested in playing or coaching hockey.

If you want to register a team in the League or require any further information on booking the facility contact Paul Thorby 781527.

Christian Aid Week 2002

The total amount collected this year in the house-to-house collection in Bar Hill was £2219.85.

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Skateboard Park

The lights have now been turned on and hopefully this will improve the condition for the youngsters at the Park. Also by the time this article reaches you two shelters should have been installed. May I please ask you all to look after the facility as it has cost a great deal of money to build and ongoing maintenance is now the priority for the Parish Council.

Village Hall

New architects have now been employed to get this project back on line. Much thought and deliberation has gone into the planning of the refurbishment with input from all the concerned parties. Hopefully by the time this article

reaches you plans will have been drawn up and a meeting taken place to discuss further the refurbishment. The plans will be on public display in the Parish Council office for those of you who are interested.

Recycling

We have been informed that East Anglia is the best place in the country for recycling. So let's please live up to our reputation and recycle even more. If you need further information about this subject South Cambridgeshire District Council are the people to contact.

Police Surgery

These have now been operating for the past two months and unfortunately due to lack of publicity have not been well attended. If you have any concerns at all about the village, then please come along. PC Kevin Misik will be available to answer any questions, along

with Jill Smith, the Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator and of course, myself as Parish Clerk. These surgeries will take place on the first Thursday of every month between 1pm and 3pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parish Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thu. 19th Sept. at 7.00pm. The Parish Council is in recess during August but I will still be available in the Parish Council office. The public is very welcome to attend the meeting.

Handy telephone numbers

Streetlights (freephone) 0800 253529 give the CCC No. (which is written on the lamppost)

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Leigh Buffa, Parish Clerk

Friends of the Rosie

If you have an appointment at the Rosie Hospital please come and have a refreshing cup of tea or coffee while you are waiting. A drink with biscuits is under £1.

We have a limited selection of our hand knitted toys and clothes (up to age 4) at the tea bar in the Rosie Outpatients every day of the week.

From 19th Aug. to 3rd Sept. we shall have a "Rosie in Stitches" stall of knitted toys at the Daily Bread Co-operative, Kilmaine Close, Cambridge.

From 10th Sept. we shall have a "Rosie in Stitches" stall in Addenbrooke's Food Court from 10am to 4pm every Tuesday and Thursday.

From 12th Sept. we shall have a "Rosie in Stitches" stall on Cambridge Market from 1pm to 4pm every Thursday.

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Soft fruit is now in season and we have had simply too much to consume this last week or two. There has been a good blackcurrant and raspberry and gooseberry crop and the Sylvan (hybrid blackberry) is just starting.

I must have missed a few potatoes last year and last week decided to dig up the regrowth. I was pleasantly surprised to obtain a yield of 26lb of lovely new potatoes.

There are usually one or two plots vacant and anyone interested is invited to contact Paul Lloyd on 200591. Concerning any other matters please phone 782441.

Keith Morris, 782441

Indoor Bowls

Our summer break has now arrived, due to School closure. Many thanks to the Residents' Association and the Sports and Social Club for their help which enabled us to purchase new mats. These will be available for the start of our next season.

Jim Hubbard

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Wide ranging praise for Swavesey Village College

All aspects of Swavesey Village College have come in for widespread praise from inspectors at OFSTED - the Office for Standards in Education.

They highlighted the quality of teaching, the leadership of the headteacher and governors and the behaviour and attitudes of pupils as just a few of its strengths.

They said teaching across all subjects was of a very high standard, and that teachers' expectations in all subjects were very high.

"The very good teaching is having a clear impact on the quality of learning throughout the college. A particular strength is the very good knowledge and understanding that teachers have of their subjects.

"In the best lessons the enthusiasm that teachers have for their subjects is reflected in the very high levels of interest shown by pupils.

The variety of teaching methods sustains pupils' interest and concentration.

"A particular strength is the number of opportunities teachers provide for pupils to develop their independent learning skills. A feature of most lessons

is the constructive, purposeful relationship between teachers and their pupils," said the inspectors' report.

Pupils in turn were praised for their good behaviour and attitudes to work. Inspectors said they were 'exceedingly well behaved' and that their attitudes to work were 'excellent'.

"Pupils are conscientious, keen to do well and take pride in their work.

They have very positive attitudes towards their studies and show maturity and confidence in their keenness to take responsibility within lessons.

Behaviour is very good in and out of lessons," noted the report.

Headteacher Patrick Talbott was singled out for his 'energetic and enthusiastic' leadership of the college. Inspectors said that despite announcing his retirement, there was no complacency in his determination to raise standards even further.

"The headteacher works tirelessly to ensure that all pupils receive the best level of education that the college can provide. He has a detailed knowledge of its strengths and weaknesses.

"Members of the leadership team provide good quality support for the headteacher. There is also a high quality of leadership and management from

middle managers. Heads of Department provide good leadership for their teams, as do heads of year," the report continued.

Governors were also praised. "Governors are knowledgeable and supportive of the college's efforts to raise standards," said inspectors.

In order to raise standards even higher, the college was encouraged to meet parents' aspirations for providing information and to ensure all pupils had specific academic targets.

Headteacher Patrick Talbott said: "The report properly acknowledges the high standards of achievement at the college, inside and outside the classroom, and the strength of the relationships between teachers and pupils which underpins our success as a school."

Chair of Governors Ed Coe agreed, adding: "Everyone connected with Swavesey Village College can be proud of this report. We can face the challenges of the future - not least our pursuit of Specialist Science Status - with justifiable confidence."

Swavesey Village College caters for about 1000 pupils aged between 11 and 16, drawn mainly from Swavesey and the surrounding villages.

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Monthly Crimes

The figures below relate to reported crimes for Histon Sector for the period 1st - 30th June 2002. The figures shown in brackets relate to the number of crimes reported last month.

Dwelling Burglary	13 (23)
Non-dwelling Burglary	42 (38)
Criminal Damage	82 (64)
Theft of Motor Vehicle	12 (13)

Theft from Motor Vehicle	39 (45)
Theft of Cycle	8 (13)

Detection rates for June

Category	Target Detection Rate	Actual Detection Rate
Household Burglary	24.7%	17.7%
Violent Crime	78%	54.2%
Vehicle Crime	8.2%	14%

Crime prevention tip of the month

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Programme for 2002

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Sat. 19th October - Desert Island Dises evening with a Fish Supper at 121 Appletrees, Bar Hill by kind invitation of Eric & Iris Lay. For your visit to the Island you will need your choice of music, (records or cassettes only please) a piece of prose and a famous personality - fact or fiction. 7 for 7.30 pm Tickets £8 each.

Sat. 7th December - Christmas Lunch at 4 Hollytrees, Bar Hill, by kind invitation of John & Diana Reynolds. Andrew & Sally Lansley will be attending. 12.30 for 1 pm. Tickets £10 each

Summer Holiday Music Club

During the Summer holidays I am planning to run a Music Club for junior age children and upwards. Activities will include singing popular songs from the shows, musical games and composing group pieces. The main aim of the week is to have FUN whilst helping to build on their musical skills and confidence.

The sessions will be held in The Octagon on Tuesday 20th - Friday 23rd August. Time: 10.00 - 11.30am Cost: £15.00 (4x sessions & Refreshments included)

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Sessions are held in the Church Centre every Monday - Friday during term time from 9.45 - 11.15 am. (Wed. is for 12-18 months only). To book a session please contact Anna on: 205870.

Thank you everyone who came along and supported us at the Village Fete. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

Diary Dates

Mon 12th Aug - We are planning a trip to Wicksteed Park, leaving from the library at 10.00am and arriving back at 3.00pm. There are lots of rides suitable for all ages, a large playground, picnic area and shops. This trip is open to everyone; you do not have to attend Tots and Teds. The cost is £4.00 per person. If you wish to book a place, please come to any session and sign up on the list.

Summer Playdays

These popular days will be through-

out the summer holidays, offering welcome relief to the constant cry of 'I'm bored, what can I do now?' All children are welcome up the age of 7 years; entrance is £1.75 for the first child (£1.00 for siblings). The doors open at 10.00 - 11.30am in the meetings room. At the last playday we will be joining forces with Barnardo's and their Sponsored Toddler (or in our case bounce). Every child attending Tots and Teds will be given a sponsor form before the end of term. This will allow them free entry into this playday. They will help Tots and

'Pay and Play' comes to Friday morning!

From Monday 10th June there will be a Pay & Play session on both Monday and Friday mornings from 9.45 - 11.15. Mondays will be held in the Meetings room, while Fridays will be in the Octagon. It only costs £1.75 per session. All children from Babies to Pre-Schoolers are welcome. We have a wide range of indoor and outdoor toys, books, puzzles, play dough and crafts for your children to enjoy. We also have a safe enclosed garden for them to run off some energy! Why not come along and have a fun morning?

Teds as well as Barnardo's. In return they will receive a sticker, hat and certificate.

Fri 2nd - Bouncy Castle - Dinosaurs
Wed 14th - Barney
Fri 16th - Bob the Builder
Wed 21st - Messy Play
Fri. 23rd - Cooking
Wed 28th - Tweenies
Fri 30th - At the Seaside

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Wed 4th - Winnie the Pooh
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We have a well-equipped outdoor area, with climbing, balancing and ride on toys all of which assist with physical development. There is a playhouse where role-play can take place; this allows their imagination and creative skills to come

We are members of the PLA (Pre-school Learning Alliance). We are situated adjacent to the school; we feel this is of real benefit to the children due to start in reception as they are more aware of 'what will happen next'.

Our Session times are:

Weekdays	9.00 - 11.30am
Mon-Tues-Wed-Fri	12.30 - 3.00pm
Thursdays (Sunbeams)	1.00 - 3.00 pm

into their own.

We have a break for milk and fruit during each session. Please feel free to bring some buns or biscuits when it is your child's birthday and we will be happy to celebrate their special day with them. (We supply the candles!).

We welcome parents who have some spare time to come and help during a session even if your child is receiving vouchers; you are still able to join in should you choose to.

We have dedicated staff who are always on hand to offer support, help and advice and answer any questions you may have. They all have the best interests of your child at heart when it comes to encouraging the learning process. If you think your child would enjoy some sessions in our setting please feel free to drop in and see us - don't forget to bring your child!

Sunbeams

This is a session for children aged between 12 - 36 months. It is now a 'Pay & Play' session, as we appreciate that you can not always attend on a regular basis. Sunbeams takes place on Thurs-

days from 1 - 3pm, and is only £1.75.

We provide a wide range of activities to keep your little ones amused. Weather permitting they have the opportunity to enjoy the garden and the outdoor toys.

We are happy to hire out the building at weekends and during the holidays for parties and events.

Good Luck

Good luck to all our little 'Sunshiners' who are starting school in September. We are pleased to say that Joanna, one of our playleaders, is returning to work part time in September.

Also in September our Thursday morning session is going to be for 'Rising Fives'.

New Building

We are very much looking forward to the new building which will give a lot more space for the children to play and learn.

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Hire of Sunshine (Tracy)	200918
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Hope to see you soon.

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Session details

Every Tuesday from 2.15pm to 3.45pm in the Church Meetings Room.

Annual membership is £3 per family with toy hire from 25p to £1.25 per toy. We have an outdoor play area and there will be light refreshments for sale. Come and play at our session with no obligation to borrow toys every week.

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13th Aug - 10-12noon in the Church Meetings Room

Bill and Ben Playday

27th Aug - 10-12noon in the Church Meetings Room

Come and join us for a colouring competition, face painting, craft activity and cookie decorating. Entry fee

£1.75 for the first child and £1 for siblings. Refreshments will be for sale.

Annual General Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting

Nearly New Sale

Sat 21st Sept. 2-3pm at Bar Hill School. Condition forms for Sellers are available from Tracy. Completed condition forms must be returned by 3rd Sept. For seller number or further information call Tracy on 200918.

For more information about Toy Library pick up a copy of our latest Newsletter at Toy Library sessions (see teddy for times), visit our website at iambarhilltoylibrary.org or ring Avril on 782431



Welcome to The Bar Hill Pre-School Playgroup.

You will find us in the Village Hall Centre on the Village Green, which can easily be reached by footpath or from the perimeter road via The Spinney.

The playgroup is a non profit making, community playgroup. We encourage parental involvement and the playgroup is run by a volunteer parent committee. There is the opportunity to "parent help" in some sessions. This not only allows you to be a part of playgroup life but also substantially reduces your fees.

The aim of our community playgroup is to enhance the personal and social development of **all** children placed in our care. This is achieved through the various activities we have in our **two rooms**, which provides the educational setting required by OFSTED. Our friendly staff team - Sonya, Julie and Sylvia run all of our sessions.

Session times: -

Mon, Wed & Thu. 9.15 - 11.45 am
Tue. 'Playtots' 9.30 - 11.00 am
Tue. 12.15 - 2.45 pm
Fri. 'Rising Fives' 9.15 - 12.45 am
(packed lunch to be provided by parents.)

Information

We pride ourselves on our warm and

friendly atmosphere, which we believe helps children to feel comfortable and more able to develop their social skills. We have a wide range of equipment to encourage children to experiment with various types of play. This includes a slide, climbing frame, a playhouse, various dressing-up clothes, a Brio train set, a sand/water play area, a painting area, a book corner and too many puzzles and games to mention!

Each session is well balanced, incorporating a timetable of events in both rooms. Our **Craft Room** provides us with the facilities to develop mathematics, scientific reasoning and Information Technology through a series of topics that incorporate the use of all the equipment.

If you would like to call in and see what we offer, please do. The staff will be happy to see you. Our recent OFSTED inspection report is held at Playgroup and we would be glad to show it to you.

Playtots

This is run by Sonya on a Tuesday morning and is an excellent way for your tiny tots to get used to the idea of playgroup. The starting age is just **One Year old until Two and a half**. It is popular with both parents and childminders and really gives children the chance to enjoy playing and crafts. We want to give parents maximum time to enjoy playing with their children and to have a well-deserved break, so no tidying or

clearing up duties. The playgroup takes care of that. Tea and Coffee is available for adults, and children are given a drink and a biscuit as part of the entrance fee. The other good news is that it is "pay on the day" so you don't lose out if you can't make it one week.

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Nursery Grant

Under the Nursery Grant Scheme, if your child is eligible, he/she is entitled to **5 free sessions per week**. Please ring Julie Jolley on **780445** for more information.

Places

For places ring Julie Jolley on **780445**. Application forms are available at Playgroup, The Library and the foyer of the Village Hall.

Subsidised places

We are happy to offer subsidised places to parents on Income Support or Family Credit. Any such request will go before the committee together with supporting documentation supplied by the applicant and will be dealt with on an individual basis. Requests would be dealt with in a confidential manner.

Please note that we also offer discounts if your child attends more than 4 sessions per week.

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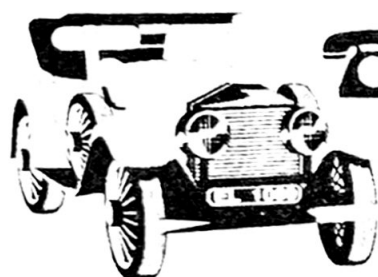
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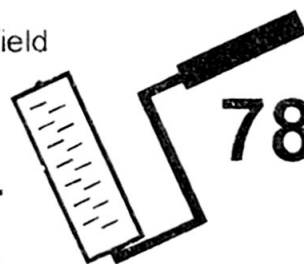
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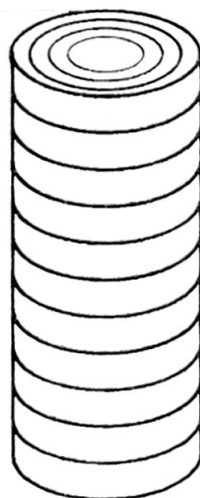
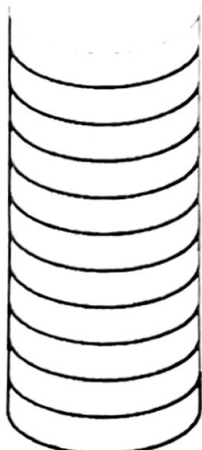
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MP to open 500 new spaces at popular Park and Ride

A new extension at busy Babraham Road Park and Ride will be declared officially open by Andrew Lansley CBE, MP on Thursday, July 11.

The extension, which adds 500 new car parking spaces to the existing 500, was created by Cambridgeshire County Council due to the site's growing popularity.

Mr Lansley will unveil a plaque in front of invited guests to mark this latest milestone in Cambridge's award-winning Park and Ride provision.

Cambridgeshire County Councillor Shona Johnstone, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport said: "The Babraham Road Park and ride has proved one of the most successful of our award-winning sites. It is a mark of its popularity with the public that it has been extremely busy since it opened and we are delighted to be able to provide the public with the extra room their patronage has made necessary. This is part of our commitment to improve access to Cambridge."

Babraham Road Park and Ride was opened in 1999 offering new cross city bus services to and from the £1.9 million site.

The success of Babraham Road led to a need for the new extension which was built between January and April 2002 and cost £600,000.

Cambridge Park and Ride now serves more than 1.2 million passengers a year.

The service has attracted both the Interchange Award for excellence in providing integrated public transport and holds the prestigious government Charter Mark.

Park and Ride was also a major element in securing the County Council the national accolade of Local Transport Authority of the Year in 2001.

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Diary Dates

Mon 12th Aug - Can we fix it for you to be someone something else? At 55 Acorn Avenue

Thu 29th Aug - Visit to Milton Country Park. If weather not suitable meeting will be held at 3 Almond Grove.

Mon. 9th Sept. - Wicked Women! At: 16 Acorn Avenue

Thu. 26th Sept. - A talk by Mike Petty (with guests from Cambridge Group). At: 4 Almond Grove

Mon. 7th Oct. - Planning Meeting At: 3 Hanover Close.

Thu. 24th Oct. - If you were given an extra hour per day, would it be a bonus or a disaster? How would you spend it? At: 130 The Spinney.

For more information please don't hesitate to contact Jennifer O'Dell 201269 or Jill Smith on 205453

Jill Smith

8 O'Clock Club

August: No meeting

Sept. 5th - Enrolment Evening at Barbara's. 152 Hillcrest at 8pm

The 8 O'Clock Club meets on the first Thursday of each month in the School. We are a women's group and have speakers, demonstrations and outings.

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past events have included strawberry picking, a French meal and Chinese vegetarian meal. We'd love to see anyone new to the area. Just drop in to our shared lunches which happen once a month. Please ring below if you are planning to visit.

Details: Jo Hall 780304 or Sweet Kim 200527



Cam Sight Open Day

At the Church on Wed. 11th Sept. 2pm until 4pm. All welcome

Do you have eye problems?

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Can you help?

We are looking to start up a group for people with sight problems in Bar Hill each month.

If you would like to join as a member or as a volunteer please contact Julie on 01223 420033

Under Ones

Come along from 10 - 12 am on a Wednesday morning in the Church Octagon for coffee/tea and a chat.

All are welcome, mothers, fathers, grandparents and carers with babies birth to 12 months.

We have a wide variety of toys, a book library and changing facilities.

An informal friendly morning to relax and let the babies play.

For more information contact Alwyn Keeves 781050



Our June barbecue was very well attended and we were fortunate to have fine weather which enabled everyone to enjoy a very pleasant evening. Thanks go to Ann and Terry Duce for their hospitality.

The next Branch meeting will be on Thursday 22nd Aug. at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

E.A. Patrick 782136




'The Playstation' is held at the Scout Hut and is open after school until 6pm and during the school holidays and school Training Days 8.30am - 6pm. We have a computer, Playstation, N64, TV, video, stereo, games tables, numerous craft activities, construction toys, games, numerous outdoor activities and lots more to stimulate your children's imaginations. Our recent themes have included Monsters inc, 100 years of Disney and Harry Potter.


We aim to provide support for working parents as well as welcoming children to join our Club for fun sessions. Parents may not realise that if they are eligible for Working Family Tax Credit, they can claim up to 70% of their childcare costs. During the holidays we are also able to take children from the surrounding area on a first come, first served basis.

We are governed by OFSTED, supported by The Care & Education Partnership and are members of Kids Club Network. Four members of staff have NVQs in Play work, all staff are First Aid trained and are continuously updating their training.

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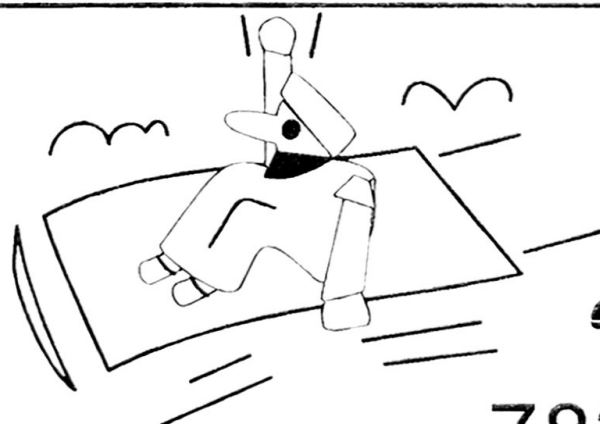
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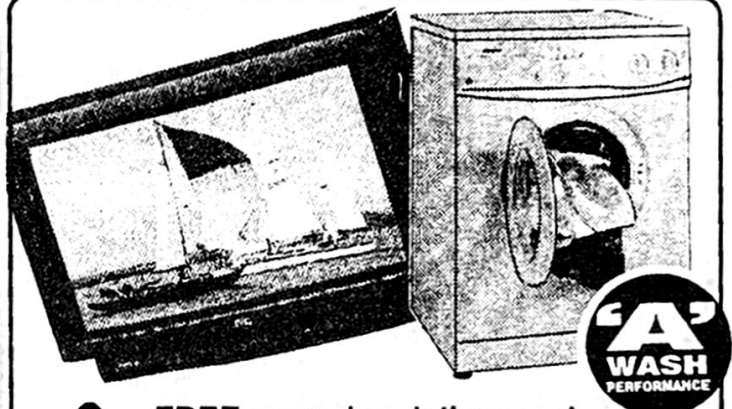
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The Club welcomes all new members and we have again maintained our club membership rates at last year's level:

Juniors	£20
Adults	£25
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Membership 2002/2003

The membership year begins on 1st September. You can renew your membership from 1st August until 30th September and again it will only cost you £3. This year, however, if you have not renewed by 30th September your membership will lapse and you will have to apply to become a new member.

Monthly Draw

In July we introduced a monthly draw. A membership number is electronically drawn at random - if it's yours and you are in the Club with your membership card you win a cash prize. The draw wasn't won this month so the prize has gone up to £75 and will be drawn on the first Saturday of next month (Aug. 3rd). So don't forget, and be in the Club on the night with your membership card and you could win!

Entertainment

Entertainment for the month begins on **Friday 2nd Aug** with our live act Bob Marshall who will be singing along to the sounds of the 70s, 80s and 90s.

On **4th August** the Club takes on the Cricket Team for the annual event. Why not come along and support your friends throughout the day - we've laid on a barbecue so that you can stay all day.

Friday 16th Aug. Chris Parker will be taking the mike to entertain you.

On **19th Aug.** we have organised a children's outing to Pleasurewood Hills. Full details of this trip and all other entertainments are available from the Club.

Fri. 6th Sept. - The Sound of Dee
If participation is what you are looking for then on **26th Aug.** we will be holding a family rounders competition with another barbecue.

Bob Wells

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This month I will begin by saying that the Table Tennis Club NORMALLY meets every Tuesday evening at the school hall. However we are currently on our 'Summer Recess' and enjoying a well earned rest.

I will endeavour to keep you all informed of any 'goings on', as we still get together to sort out next year's events. Until then, please enjoy your holidays.

You can still contact us, on the numbers below, if you would like any information about Bar Hill Table Tennis Club.

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The 1st Team have had a mixed time, losing three games on the trot and then recovering with two consecutive wins. The first game was against Witcham.

Witcham batted first and Bar Hill did well to restrict them to 141 for 9 mainly thanks to Richard Page (3-18) and David Rush (3-29). Unfortunately, the Bar Hill batsmen never got going and were soon 30 for 7. Stuart Overall (15) and Chris Lemon (11) gave Bar Hill a glimmer of hope but it was in vain as Bar Hill finished on 66 for 9. Next came unbeaten Chatteris. Bar Hill became only the second side this season to bowl them out albeit conceding 188 runs in the process. Best bowling figures went to Phil Pelling with 3-15. Again the batting let Bar Hill down as the first six wickets went down for just 20 runs. Again Bar Hill rallied briefly with Phil Walmsley (14) and Simon Smith (13) but it didn't last and Bar Hill were finally all out for 54. Next came Willingham who had a side full of big hitters and rattled up 187 before they were bowled out. David Rush took his first five-wicket haul for Bar Hill finishing with figures of 5-42. Bar Hill never looked like getting the required runs and were quickly 25 for 5. Bar Hill were just playing for batting points at this stage and had an encouraging last wicket partnership of 24 between Steve Holt (12 no) and Scott Stanford (17) who had been promoted from the Under 14's. However, it was too little too late as Bar Hill only posted 87. Low on confidence, Bar Hill next faced bottom club Fenstanton. This time the boot was on the other foot and Fenstanton were skittled for 77 with Phil Walmsley taking 3-18. Bar Hill seemed to be cruising to victory at 71 for 2, mainly thanks to 24 from Martin Haslop and 16 from Mark Thompson, but the nerves jangled when Bar Hill lost three wickets for one run. However, the ship was steadied and Bar Hill held on for the win. Finally, Bar Hill played their

June/July Results

Date	Opposition	Type	Result
13 th June	Histon	U14's	Lost by 13 runs
14 th June	Littleport	U12's	Won by 47 runs
15 th June	Witcham I	League	Lost by 75 runs
16 th June	Hardwick/Shepreth	Friendly	Cancelled
17 th June	Soham	U12's	Won by 56 runs
20 th June	NCI	U14's	Won by 8 wickets
22 nd June	Chatteris I	League	Lost by 134 runs
23 rd June	Cambridge Jesters	Friendly	Lost by 46 runs
27 th June	Cottenham	U14's	Won by 6 wickets
29 th June	Willingham I	League	Lost by 100 runs
30 th June	Beehive	Friendly	Lost by 35 runs
1 st July	Waterbeach	U12's	Won by 35 runs
6 th July	Fenstanton I	League	Won by 5 wickets
7 th July	Cambridge Jesters	Friendly	Won by 3 wickets
8 th July	NCI	U14's	Lost by 41 runs
10 th July	Longstanton	U14's	Lost by 5 wickets
13 th July	Milton II	League	Won by 4 wickets
14 th July	The Globe	Friendly	Cancelled

old rivals Milton II. Milton were restricted to 100 all out with Martin Cullum (3-26) and Phil Walmsley (3-27) doing most of the damage. Again Bar Hill wobbled at the top of the batting order as they slipped to 36 for 4 but Ian Basser came in and clubbed 37. When he was finally out there were only eight runs to get and Bar Hill got them with ease.

The Friendly Team only played three of their five scheduled games in this period. One was lost to the weather and one due to Hardwick's Cup commitments. The first game played was against a strong Cambridge Jesters side. Batting first Jesters hit an impressive 194 all out with Bar Hill's best bowling figures coming from David Rush taking 4-39. Bar Hill started their innings brightly with Phil Walmsley (27) and Peter Howard (16) putting on 55 in only seven overs. Unfortunately, 55 for no wicket soon

became 73 for six and the game was virtually over. There was still time for David Rush to come in and hit a well-crafted 46 before Bar Hill closed on 148 all out. The next game was against the Beehive. Beehive managed to post 190 before they were all out leaving Bar Hill again chasing an enormous total. The only bright spot was Chris Lemon's 6-29. Bar Hill again lost early wickets

stumbling to 17 for 3 but this time recovered with good knocks from Martin Cullum (30) and Under 14's Jamie Neal (34) and Scott Stanford (32). Although never challenging the target it enabled Bar Hill to post 155 for 9 in their allotted overs. The last game was the return against Cambridge Jesters. This time Bar Hill restricted them to 123 all out with the wickets being shared amongst eight different bowlers! Given a more realistic target than the two previous games Bar Hill batted well and got it with overs to spare, mainly thanks to Peter Howard who hit 43.

The Under 14's have held their own, winning two and losing three of their matches in this period. The most productive batsmen in these games were Cameron Scott who reached twenty in three matches (25 no, 21 & 27 no) and Scott Stanford who reached twenty twice (26 no & 25). Robert Moore bowled well taking three wickets twice (3-6 & 3-14) but best bowling figures belonged to

August Fixtures

Date	Opposition	Type	Venue
3 rd	Newmarket I	League	Away
4 th	Bar Hill Social Club	Friendly	Home
11 th	The Globe	Friendly	Home
17 th	Willingham I	League	Away
18 th	Girton	Friendly	Home
24 th	Chatteris I	League	Home
25 th	Cambridge Granta	Friendly	Away
31 st	Over II	League	Away

Jamie Neal who took 4-9 against Cottenham.

The Under 12's have performed well winning all three of their games in this period. Cameron Scott dominated the batting, hitting three half-centuries (63 no, 77 & 68 no) giving him a batting average of 208 for the three games! The best bowling performances were split between three bowlers with Elliot Hard taking 4-7 and Oliver Reynolds taking 4-15. Best bowling figures went to Craig Driver who took 5-11 against Soham.

If you want to get in touch with the Cricket Club the contact points are:-

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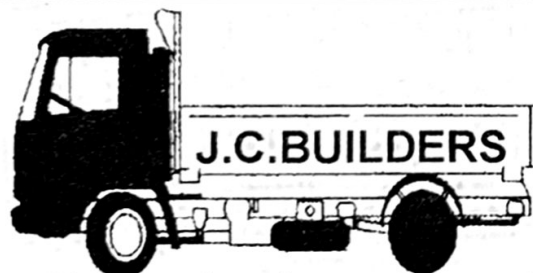
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Entertainments

The Treasure Hunt was held on July 6th, and once again was a great success. There was a good turn out, and many villages were visited. A 'scavenger' hunt was held within this event, where contestants were asked to come up with a hard boiled egg! The best response for this was a pork pie with an egg in it. Very clever! A big well done to all those who took part, and especially to Lisa and Paul for their efforts in organising this popular event.

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		Tony Carminati	781636
Under 16		Ollie Wilkin	

Mr Hoy

Lisa has said that there will almost certainly be a Treasure Hunt next year, due to its popularity.

In the meantime, The Entertainments Department have announced, that there will be a Disco on November 12th. Any ideas for a theme for this event would be welcomed. Contact Lisa or Paul.

All Weather Pitch

You may have noticed some ground-work taking place next to the tennis courts. The new all weather football pitch is under way. All being well, it will be up and running before Autumn sets in, hopefully in early September.

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Following such a busy month of Golden Jubilee celebrations, the Village Fete, day after day of football, then tennis, the Grand Prix, and a little cricket, it is most pleasing to get back to normal.

The School Choir. On Monday, 1st July, we had a visit from 22 members of the School Choir and Musicians, with their teacher, Mrs. Firth. They were mainly third and fourth year pupils, and their songs and music were well performed, well received, and most enjoyable. Many of the songs were well known to us, and at times we were able to join in the singing. It is so pleasing to see such a well disciplined group of

youngsters giving such a spirited display. Well done Bar Hill Junior School

Outings. Our visit to Clacton on 27th June was well supported. With dry weather, but little sunshine, we first called at the Shopping Village at Little Clacton. What a shopping spree. Most of our Ladies came away with loaded shopping bags, full of 'bargains'. Then on to Clacton for lunch, which was followed by a stroll along the promenade and beautiful gardens. A most enjoyable day. Our July outing will be held on Wednesday 24th and will be to Hunstanton. Bookings are now being taken for the trip to Cromer on 28th August, which will include a theatre visit to the Summer Show Matinee, for those wishing to attend.

New Member. We welcome Valerie Evans and sincerely hope you will enjoy our meetings and outings.

Sickness. Lilly Neal has been missing for a few weeks following eye surgery. She thanks her many friends for their 'Get Well' cards and kind wishes. We hope she will soon be back with us.

Raffle. Our raffle held on Monday 8th July raised a total of £40.00 This will be donated to the Meldrour Manor Riding School for disabled children, which has recently lost some of its equipment through theft and vandalism. We thank our members for donating so many raffle prizes, and for their welcome support.

Dennis Holt, 780948

A walk to the river

I parked my car in Swavesey and started what was going to be an enjoyable walk.

As always Poppy was by my side. Boots, shorts and my multi-pocketed jacket containing 'binos', camera, notebook, magnifying hand lens, plastic bags, compass and Collins Complete Guide to British Wildlife filled out my pockets. We set off down the footpath.

A long straight gravel footpath would eventually lead to Swavesey lake but we turned right at the crossing on the St. Ives Cambridge line. Overgrown, the rails can still be seen in places, but this particular part of the walk is always a pleasure for the amount and variety of plants that abound here.

Several types of Vetch scramble up through the lower branches of Elderberry and Hawthorn bushes, blackberry with its little pale flowers have woven and climbed over everything possible whilst wild sweet pea with its pastel coloured flowers (purple, pale blue, pale red, mid and deep red and white) climb up as well, looking like its been threaded through the brambles and forgotten about. From a distance the flowers look like an artist has flicked his brush at a canvas and left it multi-coloured with splodges. Colour is everywhere.

In the field to my left a couple of months earlier was a plant called the Cuckoo Flower, a flower with delicate pale red/white petals. Growing in damp meadows it flowers at the arrival of the

cuckoo in April. It's always a pleasure to see the plant and hear a cuckoo as well.

Poppy is ahead of me with her nose about 2 inches above the ground hovering up the scents. Being a collie/spaniel cross she can enjoy the best of both worlds; the collie likes to chase and run and the spaniel uses her nose and loves grubbing about in hedgerow bottoms and being in water. Believe me she does plenty of both, winter or summer the water is never too cold for her ... she's mad.

We have turned from the railway and are now on the Pathfinder Way, whose logo is an aeroplane on the small signs nailed to fence posts. This path is walked for a short distance before we turn left.

Now a long straight drove, hedgerows each side, trees and bushes as well, will eventually take us to the River Ouse, but as we walk the air is alive with birdsong and LBJs (Little Brown Jobs) can be seen among the branches or in the case of the whitethroat ... flies about 15 feet above the ground, then drops back to the hedge or perch only to do it all again. Sedge and Reed Warblers are in the reeds and bushes along the damp meadows, Dunnock, or Hedge Sparrow as it is often called, lurk in the bushes. Reed Buntings with their distinctive black heads flit along with us on top of the bushes. Yellowhammers utter their familiar call ... 'little bit of bread, no cheese'. The sun is shining, it's warm, my dog with me, flowers and the air alive

with birdsong. There really is no country as good as England in Spring/Summer, what joy!

Poppy has gone left at the 'T' junction of paths. We've walked this way so much she knows which way to go. I get to the junction and wait. Yes there it is ... a splash, she's in the water, the River Gt. Ouse in fact. The sight that unfolds before me is like opening a book and seeing a double page picture of everything that is beautiful, what a place.

Poppy can be seen, well her head can, as she swims in and out of the bulrushes (which incidentally only grow on gravel bottoms, so I know it's not muddy there) chasing moorhens, she doesn't hurt them, she's just curious, then retrieves the stick I threw for her. A really warm summer day, I've surprised her by going in and swimming with her. At this point you can see for miles. To the left the river has flowed from St. Ives, and to the right it flows on to Over and beyond.

Wildfowl, swans and various land birds enhance the scene with their presence. Flowers, bushes and especially the river someone once said 'A river is water in its loveliest form' We could stay all day, but the sun in the sky tells me it's 4pm, no not really my watch did, so we start the trek back again to the car and civilisation. I must close the book on this scene, but I'll open it again at another chapter soon. Bye!

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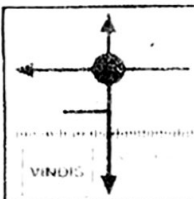
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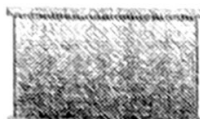
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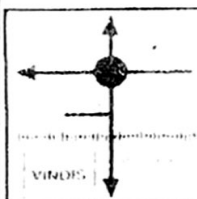
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Sun. 11th	8.00am	Holy Communion	
	10.00am	Morning Worship	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison
	6.30pm	Evening Worship	Preacher: Rev Paul Rush
Sun. 18th	10.00am	Morning Worship & Holy Communion	Preacher: Rev Paul Rush
	6.30pm	Quaker Worship	Leader: Rev Paul Rush
Sun. 25th	10.00am	Family Service	Leader: Mrs Ann Chappell
	6.30pm	Evening Worship	Preacher: Mrs Sheila Bull
Wed. 28th	10.00am	Mid-week Holy Communion	



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Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Holydays of Obligation:

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.

Last week I was talking to a professional dietician. In our conversation, I asked her how she coped with getting people to diet who just didn't have the willpower. She was almost shocked by the suggestion!

'We don't use the word 'diet' nowadays - we prefer to talk about giving people informed choices about their eating decisions.'

It was only the dictates of politeness kept me from tearing my hair out at that particular point - I gently steered the conversation away from the area and let my blood pressure fall back to normal.

We get this same approach about many things lately: Let's not tell 13-year-olds that they shouldn't be having sex with each other - let's give them all the information they need to 'make informed choices' about their behaviour. Let's not suggest that drug-taking is a bad thing - no - we'll explain all the information and then let everyone make their own choices. Underlying this approach is the

idea that good information is all we need. If only I understood the implications, then I could make the right choices.

But it just won't wash, I'm afraid. You see doctors and nurses who still smoke, despite being well acquainted with the information. You find ambulance drivers and policemen who still break the speed limit when driving their own personal cars, even though they've seen the results of others who do. We seem to have a capacity for knowing the information and still making 'the wrong choices'.

Aye - there's the rub! In our consumer society, we are told there is no such thing as a 'wrong choice'. To suggest someone else's lifestyle choice is 'wrong' would be the worst kind of bigotry - moralism. We can't have moralism in our postmodern, consumerist paradise (you can almost see all the politicians scurrying for cover at the mere mention of the word)! But the result is that we've lost any shred of an agreed

basis for making moral decisions - information will have to do instead, and just hope that most people will make what we *think* are the 'right' decisions.

Alcoholics Anonymous takes a different route however - a beautifully counter-cultural route. Information is not enough in the AA world. What is needed is mutual support based on the admission of failure, together with reliance on a higher power to give the strength to carry on in a difficult and dangerous world. The significant difference is that AA seems to work, while letting people make 'informed choices' has generally led to moral decline!

Maybe what we need is a sort of 'sinners anonymous' group - helping us to make moral choices when we don't want to. Maybe we've already got a forum for such a group - the Church? Are you a hopeless sinner? - you'd be most welcome.

The Rev'd Paul Rush

What's on

Thu.	1st		Start of membership renewal period	Sports and Social Club	Village Hall
Fri	2nd	10 00 - 11 30am	Summer Playday - Bouncy Castle - Dinosaurs	Tots and Teds	Meetings Room
		9 00pm	Bob Marshall	Sports and Social Club	Village Hall
Sat	3rd		Monthly Draw	Sports and Social Club	Village Hall
Sun	4th		Annual match	Social Club V Cricket Team	Village Green
Sun	11th		Friendly match against 'The Globe'	Cricket team	Village Green
Mon	12th	10 00am	Trip to Wicksteed Park	Tots and Teds	Library
		8 00pm	Someone/something else	National Women's Register	55 Acorn Avenue
Tue	13th	10 00 - Noon	Jungle Playday	Toy Library	Church
Wed	14th	10 00 - 11 30am	Summer Playday - Barney	Tots and Teds	Meetings Room
Fri	16th	10 00 - 11 30am	Summer Playday - Bob the builder	Tots and Teds	Meetings Room
		9 00pm	Chris Parker	Sports and Social Club	Village Hall
Sat	17th	10 00 - 12 00am	Visit to Marshalls Aerospace	Conservatives	Cambridge
Sun	18th		Friendly match against 'Girton'	Cricket team	Village Green
Mon	19th		Trip to Pleasurewood Hills	Sports and Social Club	
Wed	21st	10 00 - 11 30am	Summer Playday - Messy play	Tots and Teds	Meetings Room
Thu	22nd	7 30pm	Baranch meeting	Royal British Legion	Village Hall
Fri	23rd	10 00 - 11 30am	Summer Playday - Cooking	Tots and Teds	Meetings Room
Sat	24th		League match against 'Chatteris I'	Cricket team	Village Green
Mon	26th		Family rounders match and barbecue	Sports and Social Club	Village Green
Tue	27th	10 00 - Noon	Bill and Ben Playday	Toy Library	Church
Wed	28th		Trip to Cromer	Happy Hours	Cromer
		10 00 - 11 30am	Summer Playday - Tweenies	Tots and Teds	Meetings Room
Thu	29th		Visit to Milton Park	National Women's Register	or 3 Almond Grove!
Fri	30th	10 00 - 11 30am	Summer Playday - At the seaside	Tots and Teds	Meetings Room
Sep					
Sun	1st		Membership year 2002/3 starts	Sports and Social Club	Village Hall
Wed	4th	10 00 - 11 30am	Summer Playday - Winnie the Pooh	Tots and Teds	Meetings Room
Thu	5th	8 00pm	Enrolment Evening	8 O'Clock Club	School
Fri	6th	10 00 - 11 30am	Summer Playday - Sponsored Big Toddler & bouncy castle	Tots and Teds	Meetings Room
		9 00pm	The sound of Dee	Sports and Social Club	Village Hall
Sat	7th		Monthly Draw	Sports and Social Club	Village Hall
Wed	11th	2 00 - 4 00pm	Open Day	Cam Sight	The Octagon
Tue	17th		Fete 2003 Sub-Committee meeting	Residents' Association	11 Almond Grove
Thu	19th	7 00pm	meeting	Parish Council	Village Hall
Sat	21st	2 00 - 3 00 pm	Nearly New Sale	Toy Library	School
Thu	26th	8 00pm	A talk by Mike Petty	National Women's Register	4 Almond Grove
Mon	30th		End of membership renewal period	Sports and Social Club	Village Hall
Oct.					
Sat	5th		Monthly Draw	Sports and Social Club	Village Hall
Mon	7th	8 00pm	Planning meeting	National Women's Register	3 Hanover Close
Sat	19th	7 00pm	Desert Island Discs	Conservatives	121 Appletrees
Thu	24th	8 00pm	An extra hour a day	National Women's Register	130 The Spinney
Nov.					
Fri	1st	9 00am	Weekend Trip to Ostend		
Sat	2nd		Quiz Night	Tennis Club	School
			Monthly Draw	Sports and Social Club	Village Hall
Tue	12th		Disco	The Colls	
Dec.					
Sat	7th	12 30pm	Christmas Lunch	Conservatives	4 Hollytrees
			Monthly Draw	Sports and Social Club	Village Hall

Council chiefs say plank you as wood recycling scheme grows

A pilot timber recycling scheme has been so successful that Cambridgeshire County Council will be extending the service at the end of the month.

Cambridgeshire County Council started collecting timber from two of its Household Waste Recycling Centres at Alconbury and Thriplow, in September, 2001. Now, 10 months on, over 140 tonnes of used timber that would otherwise have gone to landfill, has been collected and recycled into chipboard

and compost.

The scheme will be expanded to include Grunty Fen, March and Milton Household Waste Recycling Centres from 29th July. As part of a new trial, some of the timber collected will be recycled into material for covering footpaths.

Most clean timber, such as off cuts of hard and soft wood, treated wood and chipboard is accepted. Unfortunately, heavily painted wood and wood containing metal or glass is not.

Mark Shelton, Waste Reduction and Recycling Officer for Cambridgeshire

County Council said: "We have been overwhelmed by the support for this initiative. We are delighted that DEFRA has recognised the innovation of our recycling scheme and awarded the Council funding which has allowed us to expand this highly successful project."

The expansion of the scheme will help the County Council to meet its tough target for recycling of 65 per cent of all waste by 2003/04. It is estimated that the scheme will increase the amount of waste recycled in the County by 4 per cent, a valuable step towards achieving this target.